

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS REP. ANN BOLLIN CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

12:00 PM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics was called to order by Chair Bollin.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Absent: None. Excused: None.

Representative Whitsett moved to adopt the minutes from the March 16th, 2021 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4530, HB 4531, HB 4532 and HB 4533 before the committee:

HB 4530 (Rep. Calley)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 3, 52, 53, 92, 93, 132, 133, 162, 163, 192, 193, 253, 254, 322, 345, 349, 370, 409a, 412, 432, 433, 467a, 534, 535, 551, 559, 591, 592, 598, 611, 623a, 641, 642, 642a, 686a, 737a, 821, 963, and 970e (MCL 168.3, 168.52, 168.53, 168.92, 168.93, 168.132, 168.133, 168.162, 168.163, 168.192, 168.193, 168.253, 168.254, 168.322, 168.345, 168.349, 168.370, 168.409a, 168.412, 168.432, 168.433, 168.467a, 168.534, 168.535, 168.551, 168.559, 168.591, 168.592, 168.598, 168.611, 168.623a, 168.641, 168.642, 168.642a, 168.686a, 168.737a, 168.821, 168.963, and 168.970e), section 3 as amended by 2018 PA 603, sections 53, 93, 133, 163, 193, and 551 as amended by 2012 PA 276, sections 254, 433, and 467a as amended by 2018 PA 120, section 322 as amended by 2015 PA 103, section 349 as amended by 2018 PA 654, section

370 as amended by 2014 PA 94, section 534 as amended by 2018 PA 224, section 591 as amended by 2012 PA 128, sections 592, 598, and 623a as amended by 1988 PA 116, section 611 as amended by 1996 PA 583, section 641 as amended by 2015 PA 197, section 642 as amended by 2015 PA 100, section 642a as amended by 2012 PA 523, section 686a as amended by 1999 PA 216, section 737a as amended by 2018 PA 614, section 821 as amended by 2018 PA 614, section 963 as amended by 2015 PA 99, and section 970e as amended by 2015 PA 102.

HB 4531 (Rep. Filler)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 702 and 703 (MCL 380.702 and 380.703), as amended by 2003 PA 299.

HB 4532 (Rep. Whitsett)

A bill to amend 1851 PA 156, entitled "An act to define the powers and duties of the county boards of commissioners of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 16c (MCL 46.16c), as added by 1988 PA 37.

HB 4533 (Rep. Puri)

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 550, 550a, 805, 8175, and 8176 (MCL 600.550, 600.550a, 600.805, 600.8175, and 600.8176), section 550 as amended by 2009 PA 228, section 550a as amended by 2012 PA 36, section 805 as amended by 2011 PA 300, section 8175 as amended by 1990 PA 54, and section 8176 as amended by 2002 PA 92.

Representative Calley, testified in support of HB 4530. Questions and discussion followed.

Scott Urbanowski testified with a neutral position on HB 4530.

Representative Whitsett, testified in support of HB 4532.

Justin Roebuck, representing the Ottawa County Clerk/ Michigan Association of County Clerks, testified in support of HB 4530, HB 4531, HB 4532 and HB 4533.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified in support of HB 4530, HB 4531, HB 4532 and HB 4533.

Lisa Lyons, representing the Kent County Clerk, testified in support of HB 4530, HB 4531, HB 4532 and HB 4533.

Jason Roe, representing the Michigan Republican Party, testified in support of HB 4530, HB 4531, HB 4532 and HB 4533.

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to HB 4530 and HB 4531. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4530 and HB 4531, but did not wish to speak:

Peter Spadafore, representing the Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators.

Mike Latvis, representing the Wayne RESA.

The School Equity Caucus.

ESA Legislative Group.

Chris Glass, representing the West Michigan Talent Triangle.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4530, HB 4531, HB 4532 and HB 4533, but did not wish to speak:

Mary Clark, representing the MI Association of Municipal Clerks. Hallie Fox, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

The Chair laid HB 4491 before the committee:

HB 4491 (Rep. Fink)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 5090 and 510 (MCL 168.5090 and 168.510), section 5090 as amended by 2018 PA 126.

Representative Fink testified in support of HB 4491. Questions and discussion followed.

Justin Roebuck, representing the Ottawa County Clerk/ Michigan Association of County Clerks, testified in support of HB 4491.

Mary Clark, representing the Delta Township Clerk/ Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in support of HB 4491.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified with no position on HB 4491.

Lisa Lyons, representing the Kent County Clerk, testified in support of HB 4491.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4491, but did not wish to speak: Hallie Fox, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

The Chair laid HB 4528 before the committee:

HB 4528 (Rep. Posthumus)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 31, 683, and 730 (MCL 168.31, 168.683, and 168.730), section 31 as amended by 2012 PA 271, section 683 as amended by 2018 PA 120, and section 730 as amended by 1995 PA 261, and by adding section

Representative Posthumus, testified in support of HB 4528.

Erica Peresman, representing the Michigan Democratic Party, testified with no position on HB 4528.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified with no position on HB 4528.

Lisa Lyons, representing the Kent County Clerk, testified in support of HB 4528.

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4528, but did not wish to speak:

Hallie Fox, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4528, but did not wish to speak:

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

Mary Clark, representing the Delta Township Clerk.

Michigan Association of County Clerks.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Bollin adjourned the meeting at 1:03 PM.

Representative Ann Bollin, Chair

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